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Title : SYSTEM, METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
COMMUNICATING VIA INSTANT MESSAGING

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 31, 2005 please consider the following remarks.